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To: City of Toronto Economic Development Committee

Cc: All Local Building Trades Councils  
Executive Board – Provincial Building & Construction Trades Council of Ontario

Re: Support for the Construction Pathway Pilot Project – “Construction Connections”

Dear Committee Members,

As Business Manager of the Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario, I am happy to share our Council's commitment to working with the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario in supporting the Construction Pathway Pilot Project called “Construction Connections” which is designed to offer job-seekers construction industry-specific skills training opportunities.

As an organization representing skilled construction trades workers, we are partnered to help ensure that “Construction Connections” will provide a steady stream of suitable and well-prepared candidates to help deliver infrastructure projects on time, on budget, and safely.

In that regard, we are committed to sharing information and appropriate references in ascertaining apprenticeship intakes and recruitment demands with a view to expanding employment opportunities for job-seekers. This program has the potential to develop a diverse, skilled workforce which reflects the communities in which infrastructure projects are being built, thus strengthening the construction industry and our broader economy.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [patrick@ontariobuildingtrades.com](mailto:patrick@ontariobuildingtrades.com) or at (416) 679-8887.

Sincerely,

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